

## THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE

### Witness the Biggest Fourth of July Celebration in History of Big Stone Gap.

Big Stone Gap has proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that when she advertises a celebration, she "delivers the goods."

Between eight and ten thousand people were in town on the 4th and a large crowd on the 3rd. The crowd both days was a very orderly one, the police having little to do.

The weather both days was ideal, and the very satisfactory arrangements made by the management for feeding the great concourse of visitors added not a little to the pleasure and comfort of every one.

A pleasing feature of the program for the 3rd was the automobile exhibition race. The machines belonging to Messrs. E. J. Prescott and J. A. L. Minor were beautiful in their decorations of red, white and blue, and the pretty children who crowded both cars made them look like gay beds of flowers.

E. L. Harper, Jr., in his car gave an exhibition of speed which made the spectators literally hold their breath.

The two games of amateur baseball were very much enjoyed by many people who would not have appreciated the work of a hired team of professionals.

The first amateur game was played on the 3rd between East Stone Gap and Wise resulting in a score of 9 to 3 in favor of East Stone Gap.

The second amateur game was between the school teams of Wise and Big Stone Gap on the 4th, and resulted in a score of 11 to 6 in favor of our boys.

The balloon ascensions on both days were successful in every respect. Prof. Daugherty's thirty-foot leap through the air on his bicycle was one of the most daring feats ever witnessed in this section.

The horses entered in the Horse Show this year were splendid animals.

Particular mention should be made of the riding of a little woman from Stonega, Miss Young, whose perfect control of her beautiful horse excited the wonder and admiration of the grandstand. Her horse captured a blue ribbon on both days.

Last, but not least, of the attractions on the 3rd was the Old Time Fiddlers' Convention at School Hall Wednesday evening beginning at 8:30. The School Hall was packed, and the old fiddlers who occupied the stage seemed in the best of humors.

The Mayor, who introduced the fiddlers, made a jest of the fact that, with the exception of one or two contestants, the entire body of fiddlers hailed from Lee county.

The contestants each rendered three selections, and a flood of memories came to many of the audience with the sweet strains of the old tunes.

"Cumberland Gap" seemed to be the favorite, with "Turkey in the Straw" a close second.

Other tunes played by the lovers of the fiddle and the bow were "Callahan," "Mississippi

Sawyer," "Sourwood Mountain," "Eight Mile March," "Fisher's Hornpipe," "Nellie Gray," "Hop Light, Ladies," and "Arkansas Traveler."

The first prize, a beautiful violin and bow, was presented to W. R. Roberts, an old fiddler, of Lee, with the hearty approval of the audience. Prof. R. H. Sheppe made the presentation speech.

The second prize a ten dollar gold piece, was awarded to W. D. Sizemore, of Lee, by Prof. R. M. Addington, and the third prize, a five-dollar violin bow, was presented to A. R. Roberts, of Lee. Supt. W. M. Davidson, of the Lee county schools, made the presentation speech in his characteristic style. Supt. Davidson, who is one of the Powers That Be in educational affairs, an old school man, who has accomplished more in his line of work, perhaps, than any man in Lee county, told the old fiddlers and the audience how his first and greatest ambition was to be a fiddler, and of his first attempts, behind a strawstack, out of sight and hearing of the old folks who did not appreciate his desires in this direction.

A particularly pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment was the jig dancing by Eddie Glenn with banjo accompaniment. Eddie Glenn can dance as well as he can bat long flies and steal bases. The uninitiated who listened to the Mayor's introduction of one of our star players, possibly wondered, however, why Mr. Glenn did not institute suit for slander immediately.

Not less pleasing was the dancing of little Nellie Begley, whose little feet "knocked a tune" out of the platform in a way to call forth a storm of applause and repeated encores.

The singing of Orlando Amburgey in a "coon" get-up, and of Eddie Glenn in his locally famous hit, "Three Short Whistles and the Train Pulls Out," was also very good.

Owing to the Fourth of July celebrations at Middlesboro, Norton and Bristol, comparatively few trapshooters showed up at Big Stone Gap on the 2nd. No outside club was represented except the Bristol Club, which was represented by Dr. S. W. Rhea alone. Mr. Bullitt was selected to represent the Big Stone Gap Club and shoot against Dr. Rhea in the Club contest. The score resulted in Rhea 45, Bullitt 43. Dr. Rhea was also successful in the high gun contest for the day, his score being 133 as against 128 made by Bullitt. In the sweepstakes matches the best scores were made by Rhea, Bullitt, Paine, Allman and Midkiff.

The decorative feature of the celebration was not overlooked, and the grandstand, ticket stands and railings were gay with bunting and flags and pennants, while the big flag on its tall pole spread its folds merrily in the breeze "and the band played on."

The time-honored custom of the Police Guard meeting at

8:30 A. M., on the morning of the 4th at the Town Hall, and marching to the Base Ball Park for their annual target match, was observed this year as usual.

Tilden Gilly was the winner this year of the handsome S. & W. 38 calibre pistol.

The full regalia of the Improved Order of Red Men was so realistically Indian in character in the sham battle with U. S. troops on the morning of the 4th, that those of the spectators who had thrilled over Cooper's Leather Stocking Tales in the "high and far off days" of their childhood, experienced again that "creepy" feeling as they watched the warriors in their paint and feathers close in on the soldiers.

#### THE FOX CHASE.

This feature of the program was as usual very successful. Some fifteen dogs were entered, and eight or ten riders turned out for the chase. The dogs, under leash, were taken to the Electric Light Island. The "drag" (a live fox shot immediately before the drag began,) was started behind a fast horse promptly at ten, went up well into the throat of the Gap, thence southwestward along the L. & N. track to the west of Bullitt's field, thence across the river, around Ramey's and finished at the southern gate of the Park. At 10:15 the dogs were turned loose. They took the trail at once, and the music they made thro' the woods of the island was joy to all lovers of the sport. When they broke even at the head of the island, a gray speckled dog, said to be half-breed, was well in the lead—some thirty yards ahead of the pack. He faulted, however, after crossing from the island, and for a second or two threw the whole pack out, but Young's "Satan" was the first to pick up the scent. The riders had barely checked rein when his deep voice sang out, "Come on, on, on," and away he went followed closely by W. H. Bowen's "Bite" and Chas. Cole's "Wheeler," and about half the pack. From this time on the chase was fast and furious to the end. The three dogs above named carried the trail without a break, first one in the lead and then another, with the advantage, if anything, in favor of "Satan." The half-breed (if such he was) never again got in, and he and half the pack were left, badly scattered. Toward the finish, some thoughtless people crossed the trail and threw "Satan" out for a second. "Wheeler" finished first, "Bite" second, and "Satan" third. While the Association had offered prizes for only first and second, the performance of "Satan" was so fine that, on recommendation of the committee, he was given a special prize of five dollars.

The rules prohibited racing among the riders, and required them all to keep behind the leader, Mr. Bullitt. The pace he set, however, was fast enough—he and three others, Goodloe, Bickley and Adams, finished five seconds behind the dogs.

#### DORCHESTER VS. BIG STONE GAP.

At Big Stone Gap, July 4th, 1907. Dorchester and Big Stone Gap base ball teams crossed bats on the 4th for the Athletic Cup a

3 p. m. Dorchester won the toss-up, and chose the field. Then commenced the hardest fought game of the year with both Pollard and Bonno on their mettle. Honors were even on hits, but Bonno showed the better form by his magnificent control after three balls were called. He would pull out time after time, not giving a single base on balls and hitting one man against Pollard walking three men and hitting one.

Following we give the line-up and score by innings.

#### 1st Inning

Mullen strikes three times and is safe on Shea's error. Wiles is safe on fielder's choice, Pollard trying to catch Mullen at 2nd. Glenn strikes out. Mullen scores on Shea's passed ball and Wiles goes to 3rd. Brumfield safe on fielder's choice, and Wiles out at the plate, Adams to Shea. Pressler fouls to Woodson.

Pollard hits safe to If. Graham sacrifices, Bonno to Knoesel. Dalton is safe on Midkiff's error of ground ball, and Pollard scores. Barr grounds, Midkiff to Knoesel. Adams hits safe and Dalton scores. Jackson strikes out.

#### 2nd Inning

Midkiff grounds, Pollard to Woodson, Knoesel strikes out. Nippert hits safe, Bonno flies to Dalton.

Shea grounds to Knoesel. Woodson hits safe. Foard flies to Pressler. Pollard grounds, Midkiff to Knoesel.

#### 3rd Inning

Mullen grounds to Woodson. Wiles grounds, Graham to Woodson. Glenn grounds, Adams to Woodson.

Graham and Dalton strike out. Barr grounds, Bonno to Knoesel.

#### 4th Inning

Brumfield grounds, Pollard to Woodson. Pressler walks and is thrown out on long lead at 1st, Pollard to Woodson. Midkiff grounds, Graham to Woodson.

Adams flies to Wiles. Jackson grounds, Midkiff to Knoesel. Shea grounds, Brumfield to Knoesel.

#### 5th Inning

Knoesel flies to Adams. Nippert grounds, Graham to Woodson. Bonno safe on Graham's error. Mullen and Wiles walk. Glenn hits safe, and Bonno and Mullen score. Brumfield is hit by pitched ball. Pressler flies to Dalton.

Woodson is safe on Midkiff's error. Foard flies to Mullen. Pollard gets hit by pitched ball. Graham forces Pollard out at 2nd, Glenn to Brumfield. Dalton strikes out.

#### 6th Inning

Midkiff grounds, Barr to Woodson. Knoesel hits safe. Nippert forces Knoesel out, Woodson to Barr. Bonno grounds, Pollard to Woodson.

Barr strikes out. Adams grounds to Knoesel. Jackson fans.

#### 7th Inning

Mullen strikes out. Wiles grounds, Pollard to Woodson. Glenn grounds, Barr to Woodson.

Shea grounds, Bonno to Knoesel. Woodson grounds, Midkiff to Knoesel. Foard grounds, Brumfield to Knoesel.

#### 8th Inning

Brumfield safe on Graham's error. Pressler hits safe. Midkiff sacrifices to Pollard. Knoesel safe on fielder's choice, and Brumfield out, Pollard to Shea. Nippert grounds out to Pollard.

Pollard hits safe, takes long lead at 1st and is out, Bonno to Knoesel to Glenn. Graham fouls to Nippert. Dalton strikes out.

#### 9th Inning

Bonno grounds, Barr to

Your brain goes on a strike when you overload your stomach; both need blood to do business. Nutrition is what you want, and it comes by taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents Tea or Tablets—Hamblin Bros.

Woodson. Mullen grounds, Pollard to Woodson. Wiles grounds, Shea to Woodson. Barr grounds, Midkiff to Knoesel. Adams flies to Glenn. Jackson grounds, Bonno to Knoesel.

B. S. G.	AB	R	H	SH	PO	A	E
Mullen, cf	4	2	0	0	1	0	0
Wiles, rf	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
Glenn, ss	4	0	1	0	2	1	0
Brumfield, 2b	3	0	0	0	1	2	0
Pressler, lf	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
Midkiff, 3b	3	0	0	1	0	5	2
Knoesel, 1b	4	0	1	0	13	1	0
Nippert, c	4	0	1	0	8	0	0
Bonno, p	4	1	0	0	0	5	0
Total	33	3	4	1	27	14	2

Dorchester	AB	R	H	SH	PO	A	E
Pollard, p	3	1	2	0	2	7	0
Graham, 2b	3	0	0	1	1	3	2
Dalton, cf	4	1	0	0	2	0	0
Barr, ss	4	0	0	0	1	3	0
Adams, 3b	4	0	1	0	1	2	0
Shea, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodson, lf	3	0	1	0	15	1	0
Foard, c	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	31	2	4	1	27	15	4

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
B. S. G.	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
Dorchester	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Passed Balls, Shea, 1.									
Wild Pitches, 6.									
Hit by Pitched Ball, Bonno 1, Pollard 1.									
Struck Out by Bonno 7, Pollard 4.									
Left on Bases, B. S. G. 7, D. 4.									
Stolen Bases, Mullen, Wiles and Bonno.									
Umpires, V. S. Payne and T. B. Goodloe.									

#### LIST OF PRIZES AND PRIZE WINNERS.

##### TUESDAY, JULY 2nd.

1. Trap Shooting—Dr. S. W. Rhea, of Bristol Club—Association medal.

2. High Gun—Dr. S. W. Rhea, of Bristol Club—Shell case.

##### WEDNESDAY, JULY 3rd.

1. Tennis Championship Match.

1st Prize—Two Davis rackets—T. B. Goodloe and R. H. Pierpoint.

2nd Prize—One dozen tennis balls—A. C. Anderson and V. S. Paine.

2. Rifle Match for Children Under 16 Years Old.

1st Prize—Savage rifle—J. F. Bullitt, Jr.

2nd prize—Solid gold scarf pin—Peter Hamilton.

3. Automobile Exhibition Race—E. L. Harper, Jr.

4. Base Ball—Amateur Championship.

1st Prize—Nine handsome gold scarf pins—East Stone Gap.

2nd Prize—4 doz. base balls—Wise.

5. Horse Show:

(a) Single Roadsters.

1st Prize—Pair gold cuff links, diamond settings—J. A. L. Minor.

2nd Prize—Sterling mounted umbrella—Jno. A. Esser, of Dorchester.

(b) Gaited Saddlers—Gentlemen.

1st Prize—Handsome English leather bridle—Dr. J. W. Kelly.

2nd Prize—Sterling mounted crop—Dr. J. A. Gilmer.

(c) Ladies' Driving Horse—Single trap driven by lady.

1st Prize—Sterling silver purse—Miss Sue Goodloe driving Creed Blanton's horse and trap.

2nd Prize—Gold mounted fob—Mrs. J. F. Bullitt.

(d) Four-in Hand.

1st Prize—Diamond scarf pin—J. A. L. Minor.

2nd Prize—Gold mounted fob—Jno. A. Esser.

(e) Boy or Girl Rider Under 16 Years:

1st Prize—Solid gold cuff links—Miss Valeria Young, of Stonega.

2nd Prize—Solid gold scarf pin—Josephine Kelly.

(f) Fast Mule Race:

1st Prize—\$10.00 gold piece—E. N. Qualls.

2nd Prize—\$2.50 gold piece—Howe Tate.

(g) Races:

Trotter or pacer in harness. Half mile—best two heats out of three.

3 Minute Class:

1st Prize—Solid gold cuff links—J. A. L. Minor.

2nd Prize—Sterling mounted umbrella—Burton Blanton.

2:40 Class:

1st Prize—Solid gold cuff links—John A. Esser's "Bob Estes."

2nd Prize—Sterling mounted umbrella—John A. Esser's

#### "Dr. Sparkman."

2:20 Class:

1st Prize—Solid gold cuff links—Goodloe Bros.

2nd Prize—Sterling mounted umbrella—Jno. A. Esser.

6. Old Time Fiddlers' Convention.

1st Prize—\$25.00 Violin and bow—W. R. Roberts, of Lee.

2nd Prize—\$10.00 in gold—W. D. Sizemore, of Lee.

3rd Prize—\$5.00 bow—A. R. Roberts, of Lee.

THURSDAY, JULY 4th.

1. Pistol Target Match for Police Guard.

1st Prize—Smith & Wesson Pistol (blue steel)—Tilden Gilly.

2. Boys' Baseball Game—Wise County Public School Championship.

1st Prize—Nine solid gold scarf pins—Big Stone Gap.

2nd Prize—1 doz base balls—Wise.

3. Fox Chase:

1st Prize—\$10.00 gold piece—Chas. Cole's black and tan "Wheeler."

2nd Prize—\$5.00 gold piece—W. H. Roberts' speckled "Bite."

3rd Prize—(special) \$5.00 gold piece—G. C. Young's "Red Satan."

4. Bicycle Race for Boys under 18.

1st Prize—\$5.00 in gold—Ernest Agee.

2nd Prize—Acetylene headlight and carbide—Simon Banks.

5. Baseball game between Big Stone Gap and Dorchester, the two highest teams of the Coal Fields League for Association Cup.

1st Prize—Association Cup—Big Stone Gap.

6. Horse Show:

(a) Double Roadsters:

1st Prize—Pair best hand-made English driving lines—Jno. A. Esser.

2nd Prize—Sterling mounted driving whip—J. A. L. Minor.

(b) Gaited Saddlers—Ladies:

1st Prize—Sterling mounted crop—Miss Valeria Young.

(c) Tandem:

1st Prize—Pair all-wool coolers—J. A. L. Minor.

2nd Prize—Quart Mumm's Extra Dry—Jno. A. Esser.

(d) Half Mile Race, Gaited Saddlers:

1st Prize—Sterling mounted crop—Miss Rebecca Reasor, of Olinger.

2nd Prize—Sterling mounted umbrella—Miss Laura Bailey, of Olinger.

(e) Races—Trotter or Pacer in harness—best two heats out of three:

3 Minute Class.

1st Prize—Solid gold fob—Dr. J. W. Kelly.

2nd Prize—Pair English leather halters—C. F. Blanton and J. F. Bullitt tied for prize, and Mr. Blanton won by toss.

2:40 Class:

1st Prize—Gentlemen's traveling case—Jno. A. Esser's "Bob Estes."

2nd Prize—Pair linen stable sheets—Jno. A. Esser's "Dr. Sparkman."

7. Field Sports:

(a) Standing Jump—Sterling mounted military brushes—V. S. Paine.

(b) Running High Jump—Sterling mounted clothes brush—Brady Sutherland.

(c) Hundred Yard Dash—Sterling mounted military brushes and comb—D. S. Mullens and T. B. Dalton, dead heat, won by toss by Mullins.

(d) 25 Yard Dash—Boys under 7—Ball glove—Wm. Beverley.

(e) Slow Mule Race:

1st Prize—\$10.00 in gold—John Qualls.

2nd Prize—\$5.00 in gold—John Qualls.

FOR SALE—38 acres, one and one half miles from Big Stone Gap, on the V. & S. W. Railroad. Will make an ideal truck and poultry farm. Good limestone land. Owner will sell cheap. For further information apply to the editor of this paper.